(b) whether Government have any plans for setting up a vocational training centre for the youths of Manipur ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Government have fulfilled all its obligations under the Manipur Merger Agreement within the Constitutional framework.

(b) At present, there is no such plan.

Monitoring of Foreign Funds by DCs

3992. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have delegated powers to District Collectors for registration and monitoring of the recipients of foreign contributions;

(b) if so, whether a larger number of Voluntary Organisations are misusing the foreign funds:

(c) if so, the details of such cases came to the notice of the Government during the last three years; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to check misuse of funds by organisations in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) During the period 1998-99 to 2000-2001, the accounts and records of 437 associations were inspected under the provisions of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976.

(d) The Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 empowers the Central Government to take action against associations found guilty of contravening its provision. The action includes placing the association in the prior permission category, prohibiting it from receiving foreign contribution, freezing its bank account and prosecuting it in a court of law.

Harassment of Indians living on border by BDR

3993. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA :

SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Bangladesh Rifles have served quit notices on villagers

inhabiting Shikarpur area of Nadia thereby creating panic and turning situation tense and more than 10,000 residents of villagers along border in South Dinajpur have been pushed to an uncertain future as reported in the "Hindustan Times dated 25th June, 2001;

(b) if so, whether Government have ascertained veracity of these press reports and other undesirable mischievous activities of BDR along Indo-Bangladesh border; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken to ensure that Indians at our borders live peacefully and no harassment is caused to them by BDR ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Registration (Karnataka Amendment) Bill, 2000

3994. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Karnataka Legislature has passed the Registration (Karnataka Amendment) Bill, 2000 and sent it for the assent to the President of India; and

(b) if so, when was it sent ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Registration (Karnataka Amendment) Bill, 2000 has been assented to by the President on 25th July, 2001 and the State Government informed accordingly.

Changing the mode of Execution

3995. SHRI RAJU PARMAR :

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government is contemplating to change the mode of execution through hanging to some other method;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that in many developed countries the mode of execution is by injecting lethal dose of chemicals which is considering civilised in society; and